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Edwin Hewitt is still running the semi-formal investigating committee trying to expose it to death.

The Beloittonian Republisher says that "Hoady is brilliant death." Oh, strengthen that; he is as inspired as.

The commercial Gazette's illustrated article on Springfield last week gave the Champion City a galaxy of despicable ploughboys. *Liberator Gazette.*

The democratic press of the state does not appear to take any newspaper interest in the published report of the Cincinnati investigating committee.

The Standard-Off people were out a good deal of money in making away with the legislature, but it will cost them a good deal more before they succeed in covering the property.

The shocking developments in the investigation of the Cincinnati portholes are of a nature to throw suspicion on the reputation for morality and virtue enjoyed by the illustrious smugness of Ohio.

There are post-mortem attempts to prove that Honorable Swettman was a man during the war of the rebellion. Grant does not need any proof of that kind, and such ascolytic evidence would be an insult to Hoady's memory. That thing should have proved itself long ago.

Really the genial members of the Republican half of the senatorial committee must suffer Hewitt to settle them through the winter and cross-examine their sessions into the middle of summer. Hewitt is Dan-Danting them to delay. June comes upon Hewitt with at least three pairs of heavy broughams.

Fitz-John Porter will probably at last be voted back into the army by the democratic party; but it will always nevertheless be the conviction of a vast majority of the loyal American people that Fitz-John should have been shot at quarter of a century ago, if that distinguished combatant had tried him and had mercy on him.

The Columbian Dispatch says that the editor of the Grand Almanac has been using of late some of his most vigorous language in denunciation of the ex-graves of his alleged portrait in the *Commercial Gazette*. "Oh, we have said nothing; we were too much hurt at the very words language of others about it to have the face to say anything ourselves. Yet we have an opinion of the portrait and of the portrait who instigated it."

The Mormon Canon has been captured and lodged in jail. On the way in the custody of the effects he impeded the train, but he was overhauled in a few minutes after his escape. Let's see, only a few weeks ago Cannon was trying all in Congress against the Edmunds law. Cannon didn't like the Edmunds law, and he doesn't like it now. It makes too short a cut from Congress to the penitentiary. Only a Committee should you know.

The democrats were just crazy for an investigation in Cincinnati, you know. They wanted it though. They wanted it to go to the dead bottom of things. But here is Dalton refusing to let his son return to be photographed, and here are John McLennan and Allen O'Meara threatening the Western Union with dire consequences if it delivers up their telegrams to the inspection of the committee asking for them. What is the matter with the returns? What is the matter with the telegrams?

The Payne investigation is growing se- rious. There is a panic spreading over the state about it. It is beginning to be believed that there is an increasing fund of facts in the possession of the committee, and that the investigation is investigating. The Hon. O. J. Hodges, republican of Cleve- land and former speaker of the house, is fuming round the committee with anxiety, and the Hon. Alexander C. Sands, republican of Cincinnati, is looked for daily. For where the cat's-eyes, there will be the eagles gathered together. There is an edict of Boothie in the air. This awful thing must be aprehended if it takes half a million dollars and all the vicious reprobates along to keep them courage up.

The democrats of Cincinnati do not seem to be hustling up the republican trade before the senatorial committee there. That side of the investigation seems to be neglected. It is "one domino, norg domino" kind of democratic false registrations, democratic repeaters, democratic switchings, democratic police bullyings, democratic destruction of ballots, democratic forgery of returns, and democratic devility of every conceivable kind. The democratic forces of the six senatorial committees appear to be badly put upon in these one-sided proceedings, and must be getting lonesome. Why not mix in a few repub- lican scoundrels along to keep their courage up?

A knife that belonged to Wilkes Booth. San Joaquin, Meems.

Mr. Ellis, who recently returned from a trip through the upper San Joaquin valley, has left at E. A. Taylor's Market street newsstand a large horn-handled three-bladed pocket knife with which he has been cutting the iron bars of the San Joaquin river near junction with the San Joaquin. The knife is very old and rusty and two of the blades are broken. It was suggested that this knife was at one time the property of J. W. Wilkes Booth, Lincoln assassin.

Religion in France. According to official statistics France now has 60,000 Protestant churches in 8,000 parishes. Of these 50,000 belong to the Reformed and Calvinistic branch, 9,000 to the Lutheran, and 9,000 or 10,000 to the church. The Methodists have over thirty parishes, and the French Presbyterians and Baptists and the Baptists and the Puritans are also represented.

At Last. (Chicago Letter) Widow to medium. "Is my husband happy in the spirit land?" Yes, perfectly so, madam. He has everything his soul desires."

Then, thank heaven, he's got it at last! "What, madam?" "A postoffice."

Why He Stopped the Press. According to a recent article in the *Journal of Commerce*, France has now 60,000 Protestant churches in 8,000 parishes. Of these 50,000 belong to the Reformed and Calvinistic branch, 9,000 to the Lutheran, and 9,000 or 10,000 to the church. The Methodists have over thirty parishes, and the French Presbyterians and Baptists and the Baptists and the Puritans are also represented.

Springfield Markets and Dead Cow. To the Editor of the Globe-Republic.

Perhaps there is not a city in the west the size of Springfield that can boast of a better market and higher prices paid for coms than can be found here. Hundreds of farmers, hucksters, and others from adjoining counties come here to sell their produce, that can't find demand for it at home, and great inducement should be offered to encourage them to come.

But care should be taken by our city authorities that nothing should be sold of

tered for sale unless sound and fit to eat. We frequently see butter eggs, fruits, and meats of all kinds for sale not fit to eat, and such persons should be prosecuted, and such should be in larger cities.

A short time ago I published in the *Citizen and Times* of Ithaca that the brothers of that city killed a diseased cow, brought it to Springfield, and sold it here. But it was afterward learned that the cow had really died, that the people were after the butchers, but that they were looking about the hills and dales in Chapman County.

The Gazette refused to publish these names, but requested those that wished to know them to call at its office and the names would be given.

The citizens of Springfield have a right to demand these names, to protect themselves in the future from being imposed on us by such butchers and villains, for hanging is too good for them.

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